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**Guidance module: service facilities - consultation**

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### **1. Bootham Network Solutions Limited**

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- Business development.
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- Strategy development.
- Modal shift.

### **2. Introduction**

This document is the Bootham Network Solutions response to the ORR's Consultation on its Guidance module: service facilities - dated 24th May, 2019.

### **3. Consultation response**

Annex A

It would be helpful:

- for definitions to be in alphabetical order;
- to include a definition of "Service Facility".

2.7 Guidance - It seems an unnecessary duplication, and a source of potential conflict, to have two sets of guidance on the 2016 Regulations. One set of guidelines produced by the Department for Transport, and the other, of which the module under consultation forms a part, produced by the ORR.

The two sets of guidance should be consolidated in to one, definitive document to avoid imposing on business the onerous burden of reconciling two sets of guidance.

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2.9 If there are common assumptions that certain facilities are not within the scope of the regulations; then this module should clearly refute those assumptions. The module should provide definitive guidance, with examples, on what is, and is not, within the scope of the regulations.

It would be useful to have a matrix diagram of which provisions of the regulations apply to which facilities - along the lines of that included in the ORR's ROGS guidance.

2.13 Some clarification would be useful of the phrase "Situated within a factory/mine/quarry". Can this be interpreted as meaning that all track beyond the Connection Point with the Network Rail, (or other mainline) network is "situated within a factory/mine/quarry"?

3.3 The regulations state that Service Facility descriptions should be made available via the Infrastructure manager's network statement. Network Rail's 2020 Network Statement includes (section 5.2, page 56) a link which claims to be to a list of Service Facility descriptions. However the link does not work, and takes the reader back to the Network Statement page on the Network Rail web site.

Does the failure of this link put Network Rail in breach of article 5 of the implementing regulations? Can the ORR require Network Rail to fix this link?

Minor typo's

- 1.4 delete "This" and insert "The";
- Annex C - towards end of the flow chart the sentence "Has RU requested that SP does not indicate viable alternatives and does not proceed to joint" appears to be incomplete;
- Annex D - second purple box needs to be resized.